

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, are respectfully requested. Original Claims 1, 2, 6-11, 14-19, 23-26 and newly submitted Claim 27 are pending for examination. By this Amendment, Claims 3-5, 12, 13, and 20-22 are currently amended. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite features originally recited in Claims 3-5; independent Claim 10 has been amended to recite features originally recited in Claims 12 and 13; and independent Claim 18 has been amended to recite features originally recited in Claims 20-22. More particularly, independent claims 1, 10, and 18 have been amended to more clearly indicate that the first interface is a RAS interface and that the second interface is linked to a local area network (LAN). The remaining amendments to the claims are submitted to avoid any indefiniteness in the recitation of further features.

The outstanding Office Action has maintained, from the previous Office Action of November 18, 2004, the rejection of Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-12, 15, 16, 18-21, 24, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Coughlin, *et al.*, (U.S. Patent 6,810,411; hereafter "Coughlin"), and the rejection of Claims 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 17, 22, 23, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Coughlin in view of Pontoppidan, *et al.*, (U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0161872; hereafter "Pontoppidan"). The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, in view of the current amendments to the claims, and further request that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Coughlin nor Pontoppidan teach or suggest the method of Claim 1, the computer-readable medium of Claim 10, or the network server machine of Claim 18, whereby the first interface is a RAS interface. That is, the Applicant disagrees with the assertion in paragraph 6 of the Office Action that Coughlin "executes a RAS server and the first network interface is a RAS interface" at col. 3, lines 50-58.

Rather, the description of the client-server network of FIG. 1 of Coughlin, particularly at col. 3, lines 50-58, merely refers to a link between client 110 and host 170, and fails to reference a RAS interface, either explicitly or by implication. Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) should be withdrawn since Coughlin does not fulfill the requirements of an anticipation rejection as set forth in MPEP §2131, which states, in part:

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference," *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Pontoppidan also fails to describe a RAS interface, and therefore fails to compensate for the deficiencies of Coughlin, with regard to amended independent Claims 1, 10, and 18. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn as well.

Conclusion

The remaining references of record have been studied. It is respectfully submitted that they do not compensate for the deficiencies of the references utilized to reject the pending claims.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that new Claim 27 is not taught or suggested by Coughlin or Pontoppidan, either singularly or in combination together. Thus, favorable consideration of Claim 27 is respectfully requested.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early and forthright issuance of a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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